

Histogram/stemplot/etc.

- samples
- actual observations
- different graphs
- calculate:

$\bar{x}$  > sample  
 $s$

$N(\mu, \sigma)$

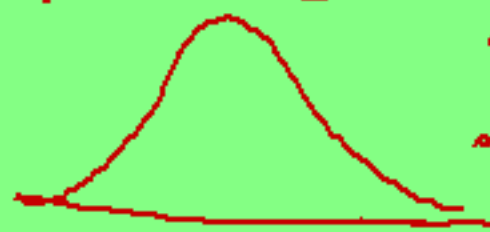
$N(75, 7)$

Density Curve

- population
- show overall/general pattern
- smooth curve
- relative freq. (%)
- area under curve = 1 = 100%

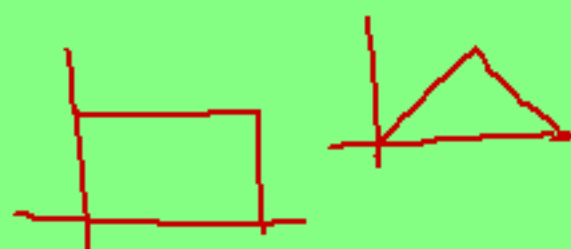
Specific Density Curve:

\* NORMAL CURVE (or DISTRIBUTION)



- symmetric
  - bell-shaped mound
  - unimodal
- Ex: ht, weights, test scores

• different forms



## Empirical Rule

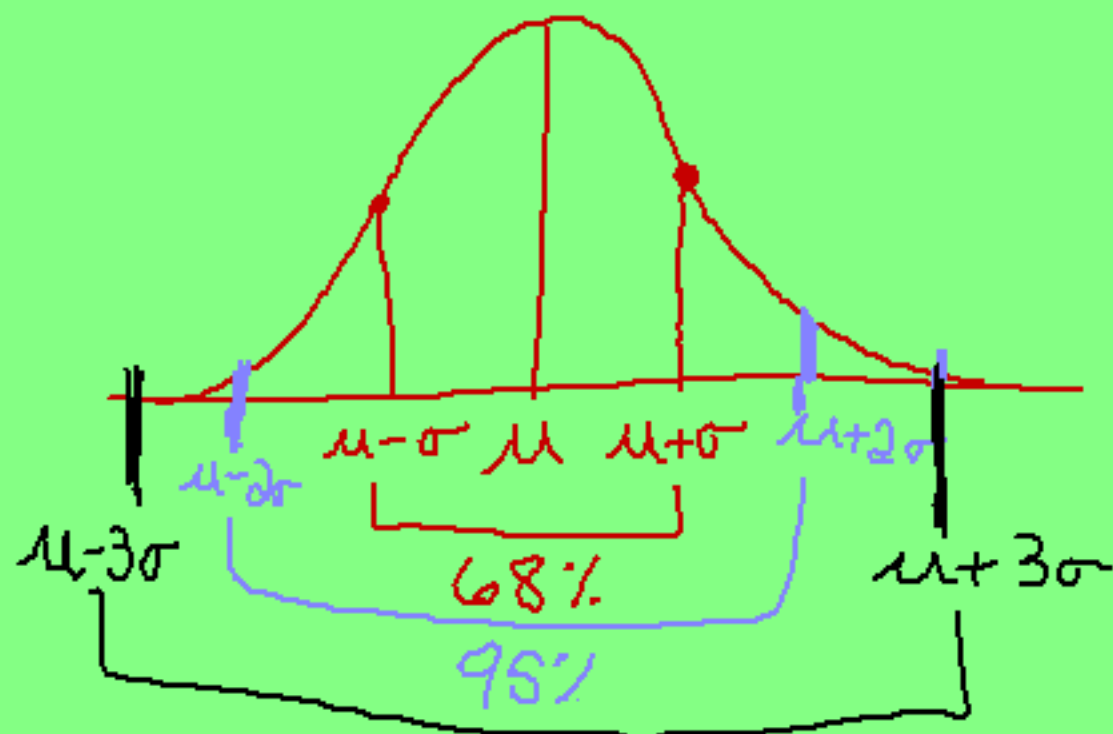
In a normal distribution with  $N(\mu, \sigma)$ ....

$$N(15, 3)$$

$$(12, 18)$$

$$(9, 21)$$

$$(15, 18)$$



- 68% of the observations fall within  $\mu \pm \sigma$
- 95% of the observations fall within  $\mu \pm 2\sigma$
- 99.7% of the observations fall within  $\mu \pm 3\sigma$

### Example:

The avg. time that it takes a crew from Sweeper Sam to clean a room is normally distributed with a mean of 2.1 hrs and a standard deviation of 0.3 hrs.

**$N(2.1, 0.3)$**

- a) The total clean up time will fall within what interval 95% of the time?

**(1.5, 2.7) hrs.**

$\pm 2\sigma$

- b) What proportion of the time will it take the crew ~~2.1~~ hours or more?

**change to 2.4 hrs: 16%**

- c) What percent of the time will it take the crew 1.5 hrs or less?

**2.5%**



## Standardizing Observations

- 1) You are in a history class and a math class. You take your chapter 1 test in both classes on the same day, and get them both back a few days later. Your grades are as follows. Which class did you do better in?

History: 81%

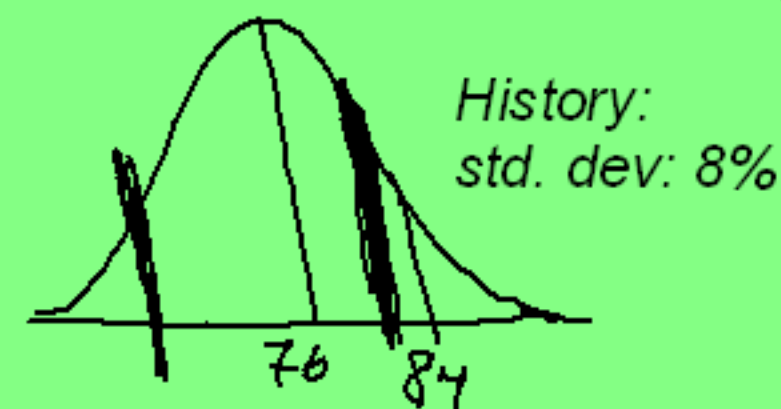
Math: 75%

- 2) Same scenario. However, each teacher tells you a bit about how your class did. Which class did you do better in?

History: 81% > 5%  
mean: 76%

Math: 75% > 5%  
mean: 70%

- 3) Same scenario. However how your teacher gives you the class standard deviations. Which class did you do better in?



Math:  
std. dev: 2.5%



## Standardizing Observations

**Question:** How can we compare one distribution to another distribution if they don't have the same parameters (mean and std. dev)?

**Answer:**

compare the obs. to its own  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$

To standardize:

- measure observations....

in terms of how many  $\sigma$  they are

- $(Z =)$   $z$ -score above/below their  $\mu$

$$Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} = 2\sigma$$

- $Z$ -score tells us...

how many  $\sigma$  an observation is above/below its ~~mean~~  $\mu$ .

$$Z = -1.3\sigma \quad Z = 1.3\sigma$$

Hist:

$$Z = \frac{81 - 76}{8} =$$

$$= 0.625\sigma$$

**Example:** The heights of 18-24 year old women are normally distributed with the following:

mean = 64.5" and std. dev = 2.5"

$N(64.5, 2.5)$

We know a woman who is 69" tall. How does she compare to the rest of the women in her age group? Calculate her z score, and interpret what it means.

$$Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} = \frac{69 - 64.5}{2.5} = 1.8\sigma$$

Men: 72"

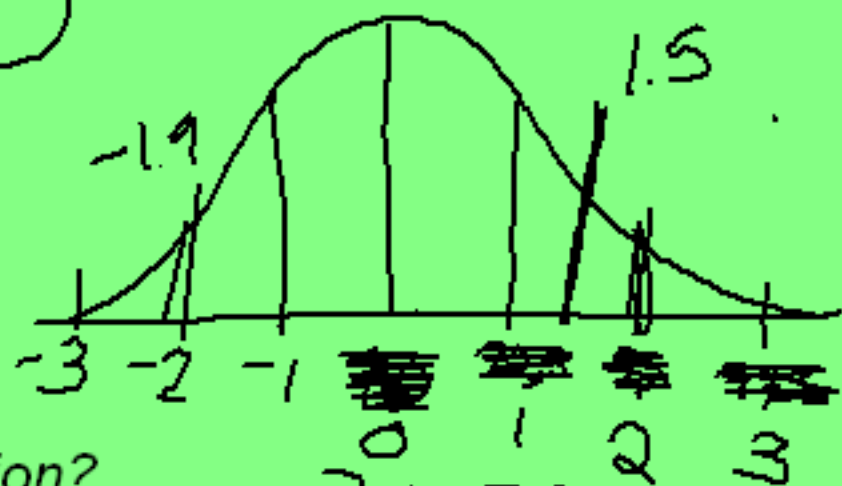
$N(67, 2.1)$

$$Z = \frac{72 - 67}{2.1} = 2.38\sigma$$



## Notes on Standardizing a distribution:

- Standardizing one observation... comparing to its mean
- But we can also standardize...  
whole distribution



- But what does this do to the shape of the distribution?

Same

$$Z = \frac{70 - 70}{2.5} =$$

- Standardizing is actually just...

manipulating

$$- \mu \times \frac{1}{\sigma}$$

- When we do this we have a new distribution, called:

Standard Normal  
Distrib.

- *Table A in the book*
  - *Gives:*
    - *So, the area to the left of the z-score represents...*



**Back to the height example....**

Remember that the heights of 18-24 year old women are  $N(64.5", 2.5")$ . What percentile is the girl who is 68" tall?

What percent of 18-24 year old women are less than 5 feet tall?

What percent 18-24 year old of women are over 5'8" tall?

## **\*\* PROBABILITY NOTATION!!**

### **Another example:**

Blood pressures of high school students are  $N(170, 30)$ . What is the probability that a randomly selected high school student has a blood pressure of 180 or above?

Using the same data as above, what is the probability that a high school student has a blood pressure between 160 and 230?

Using the same data as above, what blood pressure has 25% of the observations below it?

*Calculator use:*

*To find the percent of observations between 2 points:*

*To find what observation has a certain percent of the data below it:*

*On the calculator, infinity is:*



